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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR, INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY STAFF

SUBJECT: Guidance From SSCI Staff on Personnel & Information Security Hearing

1. I spoke with Mr. John Elliff this morning concerning the subject hearing, which is scheduled for 0930 on Wednesday November 20th. Mr. Elliff said the hearing would focus on presentations by GEN Stilwell (USA, Ret) and Mr. Steve Garfinkel concerning their work in this area. Mr. Elliff said that GEN Stilwell will brief the SECDEF on his findings and recommendations the day before the hearing (Nov. 19th); therefore, Mr. L. Britt Snider will be invited to the witness table to give the Defense Department's official views on the Stilwell Commission Report.

2. Mr. Elliff asked for our (the Intelligence Community's) views on who else should participate as a witness in this hearing. He said it would be helpful to have the Intelligence Community's official position on the Stilwell/Garfinkel presentations, and suggested the logical person to do this would be the C/SECOM [redacted]. For example, he has learned that the Stilwell Commission will recommend a "single scope background investigation for both Top Secret and SCI clearances, covering a period of 10 versus 15 years, and one that will not require neighborhood interviews in every case"; he wants to know if the Intelligence Community will support this.

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3. NSA has asked to make a presentation at this hearing, and [redacted] NSA's Director of Security will offer testimony that will focus, in part, on NSA's "post-Walker crypto access policy". The Director of Security at CIA, [redacted] will be accorded a similar opportunity to make a presentation if that is desired. However, Mr. Elliff stressed that oral testimony from those other than the two primary witnesses should be short and primarily focused on the Stilwell/Garfinkel recommendations.

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4. As to other witnesses/attendees, Mr. Elliff said that the Committee would try to cover these issues as they apply to the FBI during the hearing on 13 November. Similarly, they plan to address these issues as they apply to the State Department during their final hearing, which will be devoted exclusively to the State Department (no date has been set for this hearing). Mr. Elliff said that representatives from State and FBI would be welcome to attend the hearing on the 20th. He also added that the Administration may elect to send a witness from OPM to discuss current policy and views on the Stilwell/Garfinkel findings; Mary Lawton (Counsel to the Attorney General for Intelligence Policy) is another potential witness by virtue of her position and previous experience in this area; and the Administration may even elect to send an Energy Department/NRC representative(s) to discuss the policies of those agencies in this area.

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5. Per Mr. Elliff's comments in the previous paragraph, you might want to discuss how you want to proceed, and who you want present at this hearing, with the DCI and Messrs deGraffenreid and Major of the NSC.



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